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## Metro North Chamber Supports Extension of 4-Year Degrees

### *Senate Bill 13-165 would allow Community Colleges to grant baccalaureates*

WESTMINSTER, Colo. (March 14, 2013) – The Metro North Chamber of Commerce announced today it has voted through its Business & Governmental Affairs Committee to support a Colorado legislative proposal that would allow the state’s Community College system to grant baccalaureate (four-year) degrees in a maximum of 10 fields.

Senate Bill 13-165, sponsored by State Sen. Nancy Todd (D-Aurora) and State Rep. James Wilson (R-Salida), would extend upon the Community College system’s current ability to grant associate (two-year) degrees, and would require the Community College to demonstrate a need for the “technical, career and workforce development degrees.” The state board of community colleges and occupational education would have to demonstrate that the degrees are sufficiently different from any that might be offered by the state’s traditional four-year institutions.

The Metro North Chamber of Commerce believes that the bill would have a net positive impact on the educational levels of Colorado’s citizens and enhancement of the state’s pool of workers.

For a full list of all Metro North Chamber positions on various bills, go to the Chamber’s main web page, [MetroNorthChamber.com](http://MetroNorthChamber.com), and click on the “Advocacy” button for access to the Business & Government Affairs page.

### About the Metro North Chamber of Commerce

Established in 1959, the Metro North Chamber of Commerce is the premier business representative for the Metro North region representing over 900 businesses in Arvada, Aurora, Brighton, Broomfield, Commerce City, Dacono, Erie, Federal Heights, Firestone, Frederick, Northglenn, Thornton and Westminster. The Metro North Chamber supports businesses in the region by giving them a way to

make themselves heard by government officials at the local and state levels. The Chamber provides opportunities to help businesses grow and develop; and the Chamber is committed to bringing businesses, educators, non-profits and government agencies together to speak with one unified voice to promote the economic vitality of the Metro North area. For more information about the Metro North Chamber of Commerce visit [www.MetroNorthChamber.com](http://www.MetroNorthChamber.com) or call 303-288-1000.